

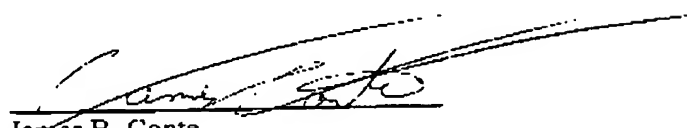
**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claim 1 to broaden its coverage towards the piston of the suction valve. Applicant believes that the piston is patentable over the cited references.

In connection with the amendment, applicant files an Information Disclosure Statement. In addition to enclosing patent citations, applicant is submitting documents regarding the testing of the pump of this invention and which were sold for testing purposes. Applicant points out that they were informed by National Oil Well in connection with Applicant enforcing its U.S. Patent 6,698,450, through National Oil Well's attorney, that National Oil Well was aware of a 35 USC 102 prior sale by Chapperal Machine and Mfg. Inc. Gardner Denver purchased Chapperal subsequent to the filing of the parent of this Application. Applicant's attorney has contacted the inventor, Burton L. Vicars and the attorney who filed the application for U.S. Patent 6,698,450. Also, Gardner Denver has contacted the present Director of Engineering for that division. Everyone has stated that they are not aware of any statutory prior sale as is defined in 35 USC §102. Applicant's attorney has requested National Oil Well send any proof that they have to back up their allegation concerning a prior sale. Applicant's attorney has not received any such proof from National Oil Well's attorney to back up their 35 USC §102 prior allegation.

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